

# SENATE, No. 169

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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

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**Sponsored by:**

**Senator CHRISTOPHER J. CONNORS**

**District 9 (Atlantic, Burlington and Ocean)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Appropriates \$26,140,000 for dredging projects and dredged material disposal projects related to navigational waterways.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



## S169 CONNORS

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1    **AN ACT** concerning the dredging of navigational waterways and  
2       other waterways of navigational importance in the State and  
3       making an appropriation.

5       **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6       *of New Jersey:*

8        1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
9 Department of Environmental Protection the sum of \$22,140,000  
10 for the purposes of dredging, and properly disposing of the dredged  
11 materials from, the following projects involving dredging of  
12 navigational waterways or related to the disposal of dredged  
13 materials therefrom:

	<u>Waterway</u>	<u>Estimated Project Cost</u>
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17	Double Creek and	
18	Highbar Harbor Channel, Ocean County	\$1,700,000
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20	Smiths Creek, Middlesex County	\$ 400,000
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22	Bidwells Creek, Cape May County	\$ 300,000
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24	Waackaack Creek, Monmouth County	\$ 800,000
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26	Upper Manasquan, Ocean County	\$1,200,000
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28	Shark River Back Channel, Monmouth County	\$1,200,000
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30	Rumson Dredge Spoils	
31	Disposal Site Stabilization	\$ 500,000
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33	Waretown Creek, Ocean County	\$ 400,000
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35	Lakes Bay, Atlantic County	\$ 1,400,000
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37	Beaver Dam Creek South Branch, Ocean County	\$ 500,000
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39	Cedar Creek, Ocean County	\$ 450,000
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41	Sunset Lake, Cape May County	\$ 840,000
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43	Harvey Cedars North and South, Ocean County	\$ 900,000
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45	Kettle Creek, Ocean County	\$ 500,000
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47	Laurel Harbor/Oyster Pond Channel, Ocean County	\$ 450,000

1	Federal/State ICW Study	\$1,600,000
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3	Kinsey Cove Channel (Harvey Cedars),	
4	Ocean County	\$ 600,000
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6	Liberty Harbor	\$ 350,000
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8	Loveladies Harbor Lagoons Entrance	\$ 800,000
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10	Mill Creek and West Thoroughfare	\$1,600,000
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12	Mud Channel (Barnegat Bay)	\$1,200,000
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14	Parkertown Creek	\$ 750,000
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16	South Branch of Forked River	\$1,100,000
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18	Westecunk Creek (Eagleswood)	<u>\$ 1,200,000</u>
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20	TOTAL	\$22,140,000
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22       2. There is also appropriated from the General Fund to the  
23 Department of Environmental Protection the sum of \$4,000,000 for  
24 the purposes of dredging, and properly disposing of the dredged  
25 materials from, the following projects involving dredging of  
26 waterways of navigational importance for recreational and  
27 residential boating in the State that have not been officially  
28 designated as navigational waterways:

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- 30                       Hancy's Pond, Forked River
  - 31                       Manahawkin Creek
  - 32                       Veeder and Bayview Lagoon
  - 33                       Mystic Island Lagoons
  - 34                       O Street Lake Lagoon, Seaside Park
  - 35                       Skippers Cove Beach
  - 36                       Sunrise Beach, Forked River
  - 37                       Thompson Creek, Tuckerton
  - 38                       Tide Pond Creek.
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40       3. The Department of Environmental Protection shall apply any  
41 unexpended monies from the appropriations made pursuant to this  
42 act to the cost of dredging other navigational channels in the State.

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44       4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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47                               STATEMENT

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49       This bill appropriates \$26,140,000 for the purposes of dredging,

1 and properly disposing of the dredged materials from, certain  
2 navigational waterways, projects related to the disposal of dredged  
3 materials from such dredging projects, and the dredging of other  
4 waterways of navigational importance that are not designated as  
5 navigational waterways. The dredging projects of navigational  
6 waterways outside of the New York/New Jersey port region have  
7 gone unfunded for many years and the situation has reached a  
8 critical stage. A number of the projects on the list of navigational  
9 waterways in the bill are State priority projects that the State has  
10 been unable to fund from the "Port of New Jersey Revitalization,  
11 Dredging, Environmental Cleanup, Lake Restoration, and Delaware  
12 Bay Area Economic Development Bond Act of 1996,"  
13 P.L.1996, c.70, because the remaining monies for this type of  
14 dredging have been committed to the Delaware River deepening  
15 project, another important and crucial navigational waterway  
16 dredging project. The projects funded by the \$4,000,000  
17 appropriation are of importance to residential and recreational  
18 boating.